

**DECLARATION
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
Original Application**

As one of the below named inventors I declare that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the invention entitled:

Wooden Post Protective Sleeve

which is described and claimed in the attached specification;

that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America except as identified below. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following agent to prosecute this application, and transact all matters before the United States Patent and Trademark Office: Richard W. Goldstein, 2071 Clove Road, Staten Island, NY 10304, Reg. No. 36,527

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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